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ANNOTATIONS TO THE PROVISIONAL AGENDA

1. Opening of the Congress

The Congress will be convened at the Palacio de Convenciones, Havana, Cuba, on Monday, 27 August 1990, at 10:30 a.m.

2. Organizational matters

(a) Election of the President

Rule 6 of the provisional rules of procedure (A/CONF.144/2) provides that the Congress shall elect a President from among the representatives of participating States. Rule 41 provides that all elections shall be held by secret ballot, unless the Congress decides otherwise.

(b) Adoption of the rules of procedure

The provisional rules of procedure (A/CONF.144/2) were approved by the Economic and Social Council in paragraph 14 of its resolution 1989/69 of 24 May 1989, on the understanding that the Eighth Congress should make every effort to attain consensus on all substantive matters.

(c) Adoption of the agenda

The provisional agenda for the Eighth Congress set out in the present document was approved by the Economic and Social Council in its resolution 1987/49 of 28 May 1987 and endorsed by the General Assembly in its resolution 42/59 of 30 November 1987. The Assembly, in its resolution 44/72 of 8 December 1989, requested the Eighth Congress, under item 3 of its provisional agenda, to give urgent attention to strengthening international co-operation in crime prevention and criminal justice and, under item 5 of its provisional agenda, to the linkages between illicit drug trafficking, organized crime and terrorist criminal activities, and to propose viable control measures.

(d) Organization of work

In accordance with rule 43 of the provisional rules of procedure, the Economic and Social Council, on the recommendation of the Committee on Crime Prevention and Control, decided that the Congress should consist of a plenary and two main committees.

The Economic and Social Council, in resolution 1989/69 of 24 May 1989, decided that the Eighth Congress should be held from 27 August to 7 September 1990, with the necessary pre-Congress consultations, and that the theme for the Eighth Congress should be "International co-operation in crime prevention and criminal justice for the twenty-first century". The Council recommended that item 3 of the provisional agenda should serve as the umbrella topic, under which Governments, intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations and other participants could exchange experiences and examine problems encountered and successes achieved in international co-operation in the field of crime prevention and criminal justice.

In its resolution 1987/49, the Council decided that item 3 should be considered in plenary meeting, the remaining items to be dealt with by two main committees.

In accordance with those recommendations, items 1, 2, 3 and 8 of the provisional agenda will be considered in plenary meeting, while items 4 and 6 will be allocated to Committee I and items 5 and 7 to Committee II.

In its resolution 1990/23 of 24 May 1990, the Council approved the organization of work of the Eighth Congress, as proposed by the Secretary-General (see E/AC.57/1990/5); urged all Governments to attend the Congress at the highest possible level, inviting them to finalize their national preparations, including the submission of national papers, and to consider including members of the Committee on Crime Prevention and Control and of national correspondents in their delegations; and decided to transmit to the Eighth Congress the draft resolutions recommended by the Committee on Crime Prevention and Control at its eleventh session and contained in Chapter I, section C, of its report (E/1990/31).

The Committee, at the same session, had also adopted resolution 11/2, by which it decided to include in the provisional agenda of the Eighth Congress, under item 3 of the provisional agenda, a one-day pledging session to give participants the opportunity to make financial contributions to the United Nations Trust Fund for Social Defence (ibid., sect. I D).

The provisional rules of procedure provide also for the appointment of a Credentials Committee (rule 4) and the setting up of a General Committee (rule 6).

A proposed timetable for the work of the Congress will be circulated for consideration by the Congress in document A/CONF.144/3.

(e) Election of officers other than the President

Under rule 6 of the provisional rules of procedure, the Congress shall elect, in addition to the President, 24 Vice-Presidents and a Rapporteur-General, as well as a Chairman for each of the Committees provided for under rule 43. Rule 41 provides that all elections shall be held by secret ballot, unless the Congress decides otherwise. Those 28 officers shall constitute the General Committee, as provided by rule 6 of the provisional rules of procedure, and shall be elected on the basis of ensuring its representative character.

(f) Credentials of representatives to the Congress

(i) Appointment of the members of the Credentials Committee

Rule 4 of the provisional rules of procedure provides that a Credentials Committee of nine members shall be appointed by the Congress on the proposal of the President, and that its membership shall, as far as possible, be the same as that of the Credentials Committee of the General Assembly of the United Nations at its immediately preceding session. At the forty-fourth session of the General Assembly, the Credentials Committee consisted of the representatives of the following States: Antigua and Barbuda, Australia, China, Colombia, Malawi, Philippines, Union of Soviet Socialist Republics, United States of America and Zaire.

(ii) Report of the Credentials Committee

In accordance with rule 4, the Credentials Committee shall examine the credentials of representatives and report to the Congress.

3. Crime prevention and criminal justice in the context of development: realities and perspectives of international co-operation (topic I)

This topic is intended to provide continuity between the Seventh and Eighth Congresses, serving as an opportunity to review current trends and to initiate a constructive substantive dialogue between Governments, intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations, which could lead to the elaboration of practical action proposals for a strengthened programme of international co-operation in the field of crime prevention and criminal justice, in pursuance of existing mandates, in particular General Assembly resolutions 42/59, 43/99 of 8 December 1988 and 44/72.

In accordance with the Milan Plan of Action, adopted by the Seventh Congress and approved by the General Assembly in its resolution 40/32 of 29 November 1985, the United Nations has been called upon to play a pivotal role in multilateral co-operation in the crime field, while States have been urged to implement the Plan as the collective endeavour of the international community to deal with a major problem whose disruptive and destabilizing impact on society is bound to increase unless concrete and constructive action is taken on an urgent and priority basis.

In its resolution 44/72, the General Assembly approved the recommendations contained in Economic and Social Council resolutions 1989/68 and 1989/69, and invited the Committee on Crime Prevention and Control to give priority attention to the conclusions and recommendations of its sub-committee charged with the task of providing an overview of the problem of crime and assessing the most efficient means of stimulating practical international co-operation and to consider appropriate follow-up thereto by the Eighth Congress. In pursuance of that mandate, the Committee, at its eleventh session, unanimously approved the report entitled "The need for the creation of an effective international crime and justice programme" (E/1990/31/Add.1). In accordance with Council decision 1990/216, in which the Council endorsed the Committee's request contained in its resolution 11/3, the Congress will have that report before it.

Since technical co-operation is a major aspect of the United Nations work and efforts in the crime field, the Congress will consider the means of improving technical assistance and support in the field of crime prevention and criminal justice in order to meet the requests of Member States, particularly through advisory services and the formulation and implementaion of specific country projects and expanded research and training activities, in collaboration with the United Nations interregional and regional institutes, as well as by means of increased voluntary contributions to the United Nations Trust Fund for Social Defence. During a "Pledging Day", Governments wishing to do so may express their readiness to make such contributions, in accordance with paragraph 5 of resolution 11/2 of the Committee at its eleventh session.

Under this item, Governments will also have the occasion to exchange experiences on crime trends, improvements in data collection and analysis of crime-related statistics, on the basis of a report on the Third United Nations Survey of crime trends, operations of criminal justice systems and crime prevention strategies, prepared in accordance with Economic and Social Council resolutions 1984/48 of 25 May 1984 and 1986/12 of 21 May 1986. In pursuance of paragraph 6 of Council resolution 1990/18 of 24 May 1990, a meeting would be arranged during the Congress to consider the revision of the survey questionnaire.

In paragraph 6 of resolution 1989/62, the Council decided that the topics of transnational crimes against the environment and against the cultural patrimony of countries should be considered under item 3 of the provisional agenda in order to explore the possibilities of formulating comprehensive policies of international co-operation for the prevention of such offences. In pursuance of the recommendations of the preparatory meetings, as approved by the Committee on Crime Prevention and Control, the Congress will have before it a manual on practical measures against corruption and an inventory of crime prevention measures.

The Seventh Congress, in its resolution 22, reaffirmed the validity and relevance of dealing with crime and criminal justice in the context of development, requesting that the related issues should be examined by the Eighth Congress on the basis of the information provided by Member States on the results achieved in implementing the resolutions and decisions of the Seventh Congress. A report of the Secretary-General summarizing this information will be submitted to both the Congress and the General Assembly, in accordance with paragraph 22 of General Assembly resolution 44/72.

By its resolution 1990/23, the Economic and Social Council transmitted to the Congress for action under this item the following draft resolutions recommended by the Committee on Crime Prevention and Control:

(a) "Prevention of urban crime" (E/1990/31, chap. I, sect. C, decision 11/102);

(b) "International co-operation for crime prevention and criminal justice in the context of development" (idem, decision 11/104);

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(c) "The role of criminal law in the protection of nature and the environment" (idem, decision 11/114);

(d) "Draft model treaty for the prevention of crimes that infringe on the cultural heritage of peoples in the form of movable property" (idem, decision 11/119);

(e) "Review of the functioning and programme of work of the United Nations in crime prevention and criminal justice" (idem, decision 11/122).

Documentation

Working paper prepared by the Secretariat on crime prevention and criminal justice in the context of development: realities and perspectives of international co-operation (A/CONF.144/5)

Report of the Committee on Crime Prevention and Control on its eleventh session (E/1990/31)

Report of the Committee on Crime Prevention and Control entitled "The need for the creation of an effective international crime and justice programme" (E/1990/31/Add.1)

The Third United Nations Survey on Crime Trends, Operations of Criminal Justice Systems and Crime Prevention Strategies: report prepared by the Secretariat (A/CONF.144/6)

Proposals for concerted international action against forms of crime identified in the Milan Plan of Action: report prepared by the Secretariat (A/CONF.144/7)

Practical measures against corruption: manual prepared by the Secretariat (A/CONF.144/8)

Inventory of comprehensive crime prevention measures: note by the Secretariat (A/CONF.144/9)

Implementation of the resolutions and recommendations of the Seventh United Nations Congress on the Prevention of Crime and the Treatment of Offenders: report of the Secretary-General (A/45/)

4. Criminal justice policies in relation to problems of imprisonment, other penal sanctions and alternative measures (topic II)

The primary themes of the topic are (a) problems of imprisonment, including the availability of alternative sanctions, and the possible application of contemporary management techniques and information technology as a tool for improved criminal justice administration, and (b) ways and means of alleviating the problem of prison overcrowding, in the short term, and of avoiding it, in the long term. In accordance with resolution 16 of the Seventh Congress in which the Congress emphasized that non-custodial sanctions were a more humane way of

facilitating rehabilitative efforts, and in furtherance of Economic and Social Council resolution 1986/10, section XI, the Eighth Congress will consider the draft United Nations Standard Minimum Rules for Non-Custodial Sanctions, with the view to their adoption. The Congress will also have before it reports of the Secretary-General on alternatives to imprisonment and reduction of the prison population and on the implementation of the Standard Minimum Rules for the Treatment of Prisoners.

There will be two workshops directly related to this topic: a research workshop on alternatives to imprisonment, organized in co-operation with the United Nations Interregional Crime and Justice Research Institute, and a demonstration workshop on computerization of criminal justice administration, organized in co-operation with the Helsinki Institute on Crime Prevention and Control, affiliated with the United Nations.

By its resolution 1990/23, the Economic and Social Council transmitted to the Congress for action under this item the following draft resolutions recommended by the Committee on Crime Prevention and Control:

(a) "Computerization of criminal justice" (E/1990/31, chap. I, sect. C, decision 11/103);

(b) "Management of criminal justice and development of sentencing policies" (idem, decision 11/105);

(c) "United Nations Standard Minimum Rules for Non-Custodial Measures (The Tokyo Rules)" (idem, decision 11/108);

(d) "Basic principles for the treatment of prisoners" (idem, decision 11/115).

Documentation

Working paper prepared by the Secretariat on criminal justice policies in relation to problems of imprisonment, other penal sanctions and alternative measures (A/CONF.144/10)

Report of the Committee on Crime Prevention and Control on its eleventh session (E/1990/31)

Implementation of the Standard Minimum Rules for the Treatment of Prisoners: report of the Secretary-General (A/CONF.144/11)

Alternatives to imprisonment and reduction of the prison population: report of the Secretary-General (A/CONF.144/12)

Research on alternatives to imprisonment: report of the Secretary-General (A/CONF.144/13)

Computerization of criminal justice administration: report of the Secretary-General (A/CONF.144/14)

5. Effective national and international action against: (a) organized crime; (b) terrorist criminal activities (topic III)

In the Milan Plan of Action it was recommended that priority be given to combating terrorism in all its forms, including co-ordinated and concerted action by the international community, and that a major effort be launched to control the destructive phenomena of illicit drug traffic and abuse, and organized crime. The Guiding Principles for Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice in the Context of Development and a New International Economic Order, adopted at the Seventh Congress, affirmed that the prevention of crime as a global phenomenon should not be confined to common criminality, but should also address acts which are especially harmful, such as those crimes which impinge on the legal order, internal peace and security.

The Seventh Congress also adopted resolutions 1 on organized crime, 2 on the struggle against illicit drug trafficking, and 23 on criminal acts of a terrorist character. In those resolutions the Congress urged Member States to increase their activity at the international level to combat organized crime, inviting them to strengthen the instruments to combat illicit drug trafficking and to introduce any legal instruments which could be effective in regard to the international and transnational nature of organized crime, and called upon all States to take steps to strengthen their co-operation, particularly in the areas of extradition and mutual legal assistance, with a view to increasing the effectiveness of law enforcement measures in cases of offences included in the conventions relating to terrorist criminal activities.

The Economic and Social Council, in section I of resolution 1986/10 of 21 May 1986, urged the Secretary-General to develop specific proposals to co-ordinate concerted international action against the forms of crime identified in the Milan Plan of Action and, in resolution 1987/53 of 28 May 1987, requested the Secretary-General to accord attention to the prevention and control of those crimes of international dimensions. The General Assembly, in resolutions 41/107 of 4 December 1986, 42/59 and 43/99 emphasized the need to translate into action the recommendations, policies and conclusions stemming from the Milan Plan of Action.

In accordance with paragraph 19 of General Assembly resolution 44/72, the Congress is expected to pay particular attention to the linkages between illicit drug trafficking, organized crime and terrorist criminal activities in order to propose viable control measures.

By its resolution 1990/23, the Economic and Social Council transmitted to the Congress for action under this item the following draft resolutions recommended by the Committee on Crime Prevention and Control:

(a) "Model Treaty on Extradition" (E/1990/31, chap. I, sect. C, decision 11/106);

(b) "Prevention and control of organized crime" (idem, decision 11/110);

(c) "Terrorist criminal activities" (idem, decision 11/111);

(d) "Model Treaty on Mutual Assistance in Criminal Matters" (idem, decision 11/112);

(e) "Model Treaty on the Transfer of Proceedings in Criminal Matters" (idem, decision 11/120).

Documentation

Working paper prepared by the Secretariat on effective national and international action against: (a) organized crime; (b) terrorist criminal activities (A/CONF.144/15)

Report of the Committee on Crime Prevention and Control on its eleventh session (E/1990/31)

Proposals for concerted international action against the forms of crime identified in the Milan Plan of Action: report prepared by the Secretariat (A/CONF.144/7)

6. Prevention of delinquency, juvenile justice and the protection of the young: policy approaches and directions (topic IV)

This topic represents the latest stage in the progressive evolution of thought and action under the aegis of the United Nations Congresses, which, over the years, have approached many of the problems and prospects of juvenile justice from different perspectives. The Seventh Congress made further advances by establishing a set of universally accepted principles for the protection of the rights of juveniles in conflict with the law, which are based on the notion of separate systems and measures for juveniles and were adopted as the United Nations Standard Minimum Rules for the Administration of Juvenile Justice, annexed to General Assembly resolution 40/33.

In this connection, and in accordance with Economic and Social Council resolution 1989/66, the Eighth Congress will consider the progress achieved in the implementation of the Standard Minimum Rules on the basis of a report prepared by the Secretary-General.

The Eighth Congress will also examine the phenomenon of domestic violence from the perspective of criminal justice, criminal law and procedure on the basis of a report prepared by the Secretariat, in pursuance of General Assembly resolution 40/36 and Economic and Social Council resolution 1989/67.

The General Assembly, in resolution 40/35, called for the development of standards on the prevention of juvenile delinquency, and the Economic and Social Council in resolution 1986/10, section II, requested the Eighth Congress to consider the draft United Nations guidelines for the prevention of juvenile delinquency, with a view to their adoption.

The Seventh Congress stressed the danger of deprivation of liberty during the most critical formative period of personal development. In particular, the incarceration of juveniles with adults was indicated as a serious risk situation. Accordingly, in pursuance of resolution 21 of the Seventh Congress, the Eighth Congress is requested to review and consider the draft United Nations rules for the protection of juveniles deprived of their liberty, with a view to their adoption.

By its resolution 1990/23, the Economic and Social Council transmitted to the Congress for action under this item the following draft instruments recommended by the Committee on Crime Prevention and Control, which complement the relevant provisions of the Convention on the Rights of the Child (General Assembly resolution 44/25, annex), particularly articles 37 and 40 thereof:

(a) "United Nations guidelines for the prevention of juvenile delinquency (the Riyadh Guidelines)" (E/1990/31, chap. I, sect. C, decision 11/117);

(b) "United Nations rules for the protection of juveniles of their liberty" (idem, decision 11/118).

Documentation

Working paper prepared by the Secretariat on prevention of delinquency, juvenile justice and the protection of the young: policy approaches and directions (A/CONF.144/16)

Report of the Committee on Crime Prevention and Control on its eleventh session (E/1990/31)

Implementation of the United Nations Standard Minimum Rules for the Administration of Juvenile Justice: report prepared by the Secretariat (A/CONF.144/4)

Domestic violence: report of the Secretary-General (A/CONF.144/17)

7. United Nations norms and guidelines in crime prevention and criminal justice: implementation and priorities for further standard setting (topic V)

The inclusion of this topic in the agenda of the Eighth Congress is an expression of the permanent concern of the international community with both the humanization of criminal justice and the protection of the human rights of offenders and victims. That concern is reflected in General Assembly resolutions 41/149, 42/143, 43/153 and 44/162 on human rights in the administration of justice.

In accordance with Economic and Social Council resolution 1990/21 of 24 May 1990, the Eighth Congress is invited to consider the ways and means by which to accord adequate priority to the implementation of existing standards, and to explore the possibility of consolidating the relevant reporting arrangements.

In this connection, the Congress is also invited to consider the implementation surveys on the Declaration of Basic Principles of Justice for

Victims of Crime and Abuse of Power (Assembly resolution 40/34, annex), the Basic Principles on the Independence of the Judiciary adopted by the Seventh Congress and the Code of Conduct for Law Enforcement Officials (Assembly resolution 34/169, annex) as well as reports on capital punishment, including legal safeguards, and extra-legal, arbitrary and summary executions, prepared by the Secretariat in accordance with standing mandates.

The attention of the Congress is also called to the relevant parts of the report on the implementation of the conclusions and recommendations of the Seventh Congress, the guide for practitioners regarding the implementation of the Declaration of Basic Principles of Justice for Victims of Crime and Abuse of Power, prepared in accordance with Economic and Social Council resolution 1989/57, and the compendium of United Nations standards and norms in the field of crime prevention and criminal justice.

By its resolution 1990/23, the Economic and Social Council transmitted to the Congress for action under this item the following draft resolutions recommended by the Committee on Crime Prevention and Control:

(a) "Basic Principles on the Use of Force and Firearms by Law Enforcement Officials" (E/1990/31, chap. I, sect. C, decision 11/107);

(b) "Basic Principles on the Role of Lawyers" (idem, decision 11/109);

(c) "Protection of the human rights of victims of crime and abuse of power" (idem, decision 11/113);

(d) "Guidelines on the Role of Prosecutors" (idem, decision 11/116);

(e) "Model Treaty on the Transfer of Supervision of Offenders Conditionally Sentenced or Conditionally Released" (idem, decision 11/121).

Documentation

Working paper prepared by the Secretariat on United Nations norms and guidelines in crime prevention and criminal justice: implementation and further standard setting (A/CONF.144/18)

Report of the Committee on Crime Prevention and Control at its eleventh session (E/1990/31)

Implementation of the Basic Principles on the Independence of the Judiciary: report of the Secretary-General (A/CONF.144/19)

Guide for practitioners regarding the implementation of the Declaration of Basic Principles of Justice for Victims of Crime and Abuse of Power: note by the Secretariat (A/CONF.144/20)

Measures to implement the declaration of basic principles of justice for victims of crime and abuse of power: report of the Secretary-General (E/AC.57/1988/3)

Declaration of basic principles of justice for victims of crime and abuse of power (E/AC.57/1990/3)

Code of Conduct for Law Enforcement Officials (E/AC.57/1988/8 and Add.1/Rev.1)

Capital punishment: report of the Secretary-General (E/1990/38/Rev.1)

Implementation of the United Nations safeguards guaranteeing protection of the rights of those facing the death penalty: report of the Secretary-General (E/AC.57/1988/9 and Corr.2)

Extra-legal, arbitrary and summary executions and measures for their prevention and investigations: report of the Secretary-General (E/AC.57/1988/5 and Corr.1 and 2)

United Nations standards and norms in the field of crime prevention and criminal justice: compendium prepared by the Secretariat (A/CONF.144/INF.2)

Background documentation for the Eighth Congress

Discussion guide for the interregional and regional preparatory meetings for the Eighth United Nations Congress on the Prevention of Crime and the Treatment of Offenders (A/CONF.144/PM.1)

Report of the Interregional Preparatory Meeting for the Eighth United Nations Congress on the Prevention of Crime and the Treatment of Offenders on topic I (A/CONF.144/IPM.1)

Report of the Interregional Preparatory Meeting for the Eighth United Nations Congress on the Prevention of Crime and the Treatment of Offenders on topic III (A/CONF.144/IPM.2)

Report of the Interregional Preparatory Meeting for the Eighth United Nations Congress on the Prevention of Crime and the Treatment of Offenders on topic IV (A/CONF.144/IPM.3)

Report of the Interregional Preparatory Meeting for the Eignth United Nations Congress on the Prevention of Crime and the Treatment of Offenders on topic II (A/CONF.144/IPM.4)

Report of the Interregional Preparatory Meeting for the Eighth United Nations Congress on the Prevention of Crime and the Treatment of Offenders on topic V (A/CONF.144/IPM.5)

Report of the Asia and Pacific Regional Preparatory Meeting for the Eighth United Nations Congress on the Prevention of Crime and the Treatment of Offenders (A/CONF.144/RPM.1 and Corr.1)

Report of the European Regional Preparatory Meeting for the Eighth United Nations Congress on the Prevention of Crime and the Treatment of Offenders (A/CONF.144/RPM.2 and Corr.1)

Report of the Latin American and Caribbean Regional Preparatory Meeting for the Eighth United Nations Congress on the Prevention of Crime and the Treatment of Offenders (A/CONF.144/RPM.3 and Corr.1)

Report of the Western Asian Regional Preparatory Meeting for the Eighth United Nations Congress on the Prevention of Crime and the Treatment of Offenders (A/CONF.144/RPM.4 and Corr.1)

Report of the African Regional Preparatory Meeting for the Eighth United Nations Congress on the Prevention of Crime and the Treatment of Offenders (A/CONF.144/RPM.5 and Corr.1 and 2)

Report of the Seventh United Nations Congress on the Prevention of Crime and the Treatment of Offenders (A/CONF.121/22/Rev.1)

Report of the Committee on Crime Prevention and Control on its tenth session (E/1988/20,

Report of the Committee on Crime Prevention and Control on its ninth session (E/1986/25)

8. Adoption of the report of the Eighth Congress

Under rule 50 of the provisional rules of procedure, the Congress is to adopt a report, the draft of which shall be prepared by the Rapporteur-General. In accordance with General Assembly resolution 44/72, a report of the Secretary-General, containing his views and recommendations on the implementation of the conclusions of the Eighth Congress, will be submitted to the Assembly at its forty-fifth session, together with the report of the Eighth Congress.

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ORGANIZATIONAL MATTERS

Provisional rules of procedure

Chapter I

REPRESENTATION AND CREDENTIALS

Composition of delegations

Rule 1

The delegation of each State participating in the Congress shall consist of a head of delegation and such other representatives, alternate representatives and advisers as may be required.

Designated representatives

Rule 2

An alternate representative or an adviser may act as a representative upon designation by the head of delegation.

Submission of credentials

Rule 3

1. The credentials of representatives shall be issued either by the Head of the State or Government or by the Minister for Foreign Affairs.

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* Reissued for technical reasons.

2. The credentials of representatives and the names of alternate representatives and advisers shall be submitted to the Executive Secretary of the Congress, if possible not later than one week before the opening of the Congress. Any later change in the composition of delegations shall also be submitted to the Executive Secretary.

Credentials Committee

Rule 4

1. There shall be a Credentials Committee of nine members appointed by the Congress on the proposal of the President. Its membership shall, as far as possible, be the same as that of the Credentials Committee of the General Assembly of the United Nations at its preceding session.

2. The Credentials Committee shall itself elect from among the representatives of participating States a Chairman and such other officers as it considers necessary.

3. The Credentials Committee shall examine the credentials of representatives and report to the Congress.

Provisional participation in Congress

Rule 5

Pending a decision of the Congress upon their credentials, representatives shall be entitled to participate provisionally in the Congress.

Chapter II

OFFICERS

Elections

Rule 6

The Congress shall elect from among the representatives of participating States a President, 24 Vice-Presidents and a Rapporteur-General, as well as a Chairman for each of the committees provided for in rule 43. These 28 officers shall constitute the General Committee and shall be elected on the basis of ensuring its representative character.

Acting President

Rule 7

1. If the President finds it necessary to be absent from a meeting or any part thereof, he shall designate one of the Vice-Presidents to take his place.

2. A Vice-President acting as President shall have the same powers and duties as the President.

Replacement of the President

Rule 8

If the President is unable to perform his functions, a new President shall be elected.

Voting rights of the President

Rule 9

The President, or a Vice-President acting as President, shall not vote, but hall designate another member of his delegation to vote in his place.

Chapter III

GENERAL COMMITTEE

Chairman

Rule 10

The President or, in his absence, one of the Vice-Presidents designated by him, shall serve as Chairman of the General Committee.

Substitute members

Rule 11

1. If the President or a Vice-President or the Rapporteur-General is absent from a meeting of the General Committee, he may designate a member of his delegation as his substitute.

2. In case of absence, the Chairman of a committee shall designate another officer of the committee or, if none is available, a member thereof. However, such a substitute shall not have the right to vote if he is of the same delegation as another member of the General Committee.

Functions

Rule 12

1. In addition to carrying out other functions provided in these rules, the General Committee shall assist the President in the general conduct of the business

of the Congress and, subject to decisions of the Congress, shall ensure the co-ordination of its work.

2. At the request of the Chairman of a committee, the General Committee may adjust the allocation of work to the committees.

Chapter IV

SECRETARIAT

Duties of the Secretary-General

Rule 13

1. The Secretary-General of the United Nations shall appoint a Secretary-General and an Executive Secretary of the Congress and shall provide the staff required by the Congress and its subsidiary organs.

2. The Secretary-General of the Congress or her representative shall act in that capacity in all meetings of the Congress and its subsidiary organs. She shall direct the staff assigned to perform services in connection with the Congress.

Duties of the secretariat

Rule 14

The secretariat of the Congress shall, in accordance with these rules:

(a) Interpret speeches made at meetings;

(b) Receive, translate, reproduce and distribute the documents of the Congress;

(c) Publish and circulate the report and the official documents of the Congress;

(d) Make and arrange for the keeping of sound recordings of meetings;

(e) Arrange for the custody and preservation of the records of the Congress in the archives of the United Nations;

(f) Generally perform all other work that the Congress may require.

Statements by the secretariat

Rule 15

The Secretary-General of the Congress or any member of the secretariat designated for that purpose may at any time make either oral or written statements concerning any question under consideration.

Chapter V

CONDUCT OF BUSINESS

Quorum

Rule 16

The President may declare a meeting open and permit the debate to proceed when representatives of at least one third of the States participating in the Congress are present. The presence of representatives of a majority of the States so participating shall be required for any decision to be taken.

General powers of the President

Rule 17

1. In addition to exercising the powers conferred upon him elsewhere by these rules, the President shall preside at the plenary meetings of the Congress, declare the opening and closing of each such meeting, direct the discussions, accord the right to speak, put questions to the vote and announce decisions. He shall rule on points of order and, subject to these rules, have complete control of the proceedings and over the maintenance of order thereat. The President may propose to the Congress the closure of the list of speakers, a limitation on the time to be allowed to speakers and on the number of times participants may speak on a question, the adjournment or closure of the debate, and the suspension or the adjournment of a meeting.

2. The President, in the exercise of his functions, remains under the authority of the Congress.

Points of order

Rule 18

Subject to rule 36, a representative may at any time raise a point of order, which shall be immediately decided by the President in accordance with these rules. A representative may appeal against the ruling of the President. The appeal shall be immediately put to the vote, and the President's ruling shall stand unless overruled by a majority of the representatives present and voting. A representative may not, in raising a point of order, speak on the substance of the matter under discussion.

Speeches

Rule 19

1. No one may address the Congress without having previously obtained the permission of the President, who shall, subject to rules 17, 19 and 22-25 call upon

speakers in the order in which they signify their desire to speak. The Executive Secretary shall be in charge of drawing up a list of such speakers.

2. Debate shall be confined to the question before the Congress and the President may call a speaker to order if his remarks are not relevant to the subject under discussion.

3. The Congress may limit the time allowed to speakers and the number of times participants may speak on a question; a motion to set such limits shall be immediately put to the vote. In any event, the President shall limit interventions on procedural questons to a maximum of five minutes. When the debate is limited and a speaker exceeds the allotted time, the President shall call him to order without delay.

Precedence

Rule 20

The Chairman or another representative of a subsidiary organ may be accorded precedence for the purpose of explaining the conclusions arrived at by that organ.

Closing of the list of speakers

Rule 21

During the course of a debate the President may announce the list of speakers and, with the consent of the Congress, declare the list closed. When there are no more speakers on the list, the President shall declare the debate closed. Such closure shall have the same effect as closure pursuant to rule 25.

Right of reply

Rule 22

The right of reply shall be accorded by the President to a representative of a State participating in the Congress who requests it. Any other representative may be granted the opportunity to make a reply. Such replies should be as brief as possible.

Suspension or adjournment of the meeting

Rule 23

Subject to rule 36, a representative may at any time move the suspension or the adjournment of the meeting. Such motions shall not be debated, but shall be immediately put to the vote.

Adjournment of debate

Rule 24

A representative may at any time move the adjournment of the debate on the question under discussion. In addition to the proposer of the motion, two representatives may speak in favour of and two against the motion, after which the motion shall be immediately put to the vote.

Closure of debate

Rule 25

A representative may at any time move the closure of the debate on the question under discussion, whether or not any other representative has signified his wish to speak. Permission to speak on the closure of the debate shall be accorded only to two speakers opposing the closure, after which the motion shall be immediately put to the vote.

Order of motions

Rule 26

Subject to rule 18, the following motions shall have precedence in the following order over all other proposals or motions before the meeting:

(a) To suspend the meeting;

(b) To adjourn the meeting;

(c) To adjourn the debate;

(d) To close the debate.

Items for consideration

Rule 27

The Congress shall consider the agenda items approved by the Economic and Social Council on the recommendation of the Committee on Crime Prevention and Control.

Proposals and amendments

Rule 28

Proposals shall normally be introduced in writing and handed to the Executive Secretary, who shall circulate copies to all delegations in all the official

languages of the Congress. As a general rule, no proposal shall be discussed or put to the vote unless copies of it have been circulated to all delegations not later than the day preceding the meeting. The President may, however, permit the discussion and consideration of amendments, or motions as to procedure, even though those amendments and motions have not been circulated or have only been circulated the same day.

Withdrawal of proposals and motions

Rule 29

A proposal or motion may be withdrawn by its sponsor at any time before voting on it has comenced, provided that it has not been amended. A proposal or motion thus withdrawn may be reintroduced by any representative.

Decisions on competence

Rule 30

Subject to rule 18, any motion calling for a decision on the competence of the Congress to discuss any matter or to adopt a proposal submitted to it shall be put to the vote before the matter is discussed or a vote is taken on the proposal in question.

Reconsideration

Rule 31

When a proposal or motion has been adopted or rejected, it may not be reconsidered unless the Congress, by a two-thirds majority of the representatives present and voting, so decides. Permission to speak on a motion to reconsider shall be accorded only to two speakers opposing reconsideration, after which the matter shall be immediately put to the vote.

Chapter VI

VOTING

Voting rights

Rule 32

Each State represented at the Congress shall have one vote.

Majority required

Rule 33

1. Unless the Congress decides otherwise, decisions of the Congress on all matters of substance shall require a two-thirds majority of the representatives present and voting.

2. Unless the Congress decides otherwise and except as otherwise provided in these rules, decisions of the Congress on all other matters shall be taken by a simple majority of the representatives present and voting. If a vote is equally divided, the proposal or motion shall be regarded as rejected.

3. For the purpose of these rules, the phrase "representatives present and voting" means representatives present and casting an affirmative or negative vote. Representatives who abstain from voting shall be considered as not voting.

Method of voting

Rule 34

Except as provided in rule 41, the Congress shall normally vote by show of hands, but any representative may request a roll call, which shall then be taken in the English alphabetical order of the names of the States participating in the Congress, beginning with the one whose name is drawn by lot by the President. The name of each participating State shall be called in all roll calls, and its representative shall reply "yes", "no" or "abstention".

Explanation of vote

Rule 35

Representatives may make brief statements consisting solely of explanation of their votes, before the voting has commenced or after the voting has been completed. The representative of a State sponsoring a proposal or motion shall not speak in explanation of vote thereon except if it has been amended. The President may limit the time to be allowed for such explanations.

Conduct during voting

Rule 36

The President shall announce the commencement of voting, after which no representative shall be permitted to intervene until the result of the vote has been announced, except on point of order in connection with the process of voting.

Division of proposals

Rule 37

A representative may move that parts of a proposal shall be voted on separately. If objection is made to the request for division, the motion for division shall be voted upon. If the motion for division is adopted, those parts of the proposal that are approved shall be put to the vote as a whole. If all operative parts of the proposal have been rejected, the proposal shall be considered to have been rejected as a whole.

Amendments

Rule 38

An amendment is a proposal that does no more than add to, delete from or revise part of another proposal. Unless specified otherwise, the word "proposal" in these rules shall be considered as including amendments.

Order of voting on amendments

Rule 39

When an amendment is moved to a proposal, the amendment shall be voted on first. When two or more amendments are moved to a proposal, the Congress shall vote first on the amendment furthest removed in substance from the original proposal and then on the amendment next furthest removed therefrom, and so on until all the amendments have been put to the vote. Where, however, the adoption of one amendment necessarily implies the rejection of another amendment, the latter shall not be put to the vote. If one or more amendments are adopted, the amended proposal shall then be voted upon.

Order of voting on proposals

Rule 40

If two or more proposals, other than amendments, relate to the same question, they shall, unless the conference decides otherwise, be voted on in the order in which they were submitted. The Congress may, after each vote on a proposal, decide whether to vote on the next proposal.

Elections

Rule 41

All elections shall be held by secret ballot, unless the Congress decides otherwise in an election where the number of candidates does not exceed the number of elective places to be filled.

Rule 42

1. When one or more elective places are to be filled at one time under the same conditions, those candidates, in a number not exceeding the number of such places, obtaining in the first ballot a majority of the votes cast and the largest number of votes, shall be elected.

2. If the number of candidates obtaining such majority is less than the number of places to be filled, additional ballots shall be held to fill the remaining places.

Chapter VII

SUBSIDIARY ORGANS

Committees, sub-committees and working groups

Rule 43

There shall be as many committees of the whole as may be approved from time to time by the Economic and Social Council on the recommendation of the Committee on Crime Prevention and Control. Each committee may set up sub-committees and working groups, to the extent permitted by available facilities.

Officers

Rule 44

1. In addition to a Chairman elected by the Congress pursuant to rule 6, each committee shall itself elect a Vice-Chairman and a Rapporteur from among the representatives of participating States.

2. Sub-committees and working groups shall each elect a Chairman and no more than two Vice-Chairmen from among the representatives of participating States.

Applicable rules

Rule 45

The rules contained in chapters II, IV, V and VI above shall be applicable, *mutatis mutandis*, to the proceedings of subsidiary organs, except that:

(a) The Chairmen of subsidiary organs other than the committees referred to in rule 43 may exercise the right to vote;

(b) A majority of the representatives on any subsidiary organs of limited membership shall constitute a quorum;

(c) Decisions of subsidiary organs shall be taken by a majority of the representatives present and voting except that reconsideration shall require the majority established by rule 31.

Chapter VIII

LANGUAGES AND DOCUMENTS

Official languages

Rule 46

Arabic, Chinese, English, French, Russian and Spanish shall be the official languages of the Congress.

Interpretation

Rule 47

1. Speeches made in an official language of the Congress shall be interpreted into the other such languages.

2. Statements may be made in a language other than an official language of the Congress if the speaker provides for interpretation into one of the official languages. Interpretation into the other official languages of the Congress by interpreters of the secretariat may be based on the interpretation given in the first such language.

Languages of official documents

Rule 48

Official documents shall be made available in the official languages of the Congress.

Sound recordings of meetings

Rule 49

The secretariat shall make sound recordings of meetings of the Congress and of the committees. Such recordings shall be made of meetings of other subsidiary organs when the body concerned so decides.

Chapter IX

REPORT OF THE CONGRESS

Rule 50

1. The Congress shall adopt a report, the draft of which shall be prepared by the Rapporteur-General.

2. The report shall be distributed as soon as practicable and not later than six months after the closing of the Congress to all States and to other participants in the Congress.

Chapter X

PUBLIC AND PRIVATE MEETINGS

General principles

Rule 51

1. The plenary meetings of the Congress and meetings of its subsidiary organs other than the General and Credentials Committees shall be held in public unless the body concerned decides otherwise.

2. Meetings of the General and Credentials Committees shall be held in private unless the body concerned decides otherwise.

Chapter XI

OTHER PARTICIPANTS AND OBSERVERS*

Representatives of organizations that have received a standing invitation from the General Assembly to paticipate in the sessions and work of all international conferences convened under the auspices of the General Assembly in the capacity as observers

Rule 52

Representatives designated by organizations that have received a standing invitation from the General Assembly to participate in the sessions and work of all international conferences convened under the auspices of the General Assembly may participate as observers, without the right to vote, in the deliberations of the Congress, its committees, sub-committees and working groups and, as appropriate, in its other subsidiary organs.

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* Former rule 52, entitled "Representatives of the United Nations Council for Namibia", is no longer applicable.

Representatives of national liberation movements

Rule 53

Representatives designated by national liberation movements invited to the Congress may participate as observers, without the right to vote, in the deliberations of the Congress, its committees, sub-committees and working groups and, as appropriate, in its other subsidiary organs.

Representatives of United Nations organs and related agencies

Rule 54

Representatives designated by organs of the United Nations, the specialized agencies or the International Atomic Energy Agency may participate as observers, without the right to vote, in the deliberations of the Congress, its committees, sub-committees and working groups and, as appropriate, in its other subsidiary organs.

Observers for other intergovernmental organizations

Rule 55

Observers designated by other intergovernmental organizations invited to the Congress may participate, without the right to vote, in the deliberations of the Congress, its committees, sub-committees and working groups and, as appropriate, in its other subsidiary organs.

Observers for non-governmental organizations

Rule 56

Observers designated by non-governmental organizations invited to the Congress may participate, without the right to vote, in the deliberations of the Congress, its committees, sub-committees and working groups.

Individual experts and consultants

Rule 57

1. Individual experts in the field of crime prevention and the treatment of offenders may be invited to the Congress by the Secretary-General in their individual capacity and may participate, without the right to vote, in the deliberations of the Congress, its committees, sub-committees and working groups.

2. The Secretary-General may invite a small number of expert consultants to participate in the Congress at the expense of the United Nations. In inviting such expert consultants, the Secretary-General shall pay due regard to the principle of equitable geographical representation. Expert consultants thus invited may, as appropriate, initiate and assist in debates in the committees, sub-committees and working groups of the Congress.

Written statements

Rule 58

Written statements related to the work of the Congress submitted by the designated representatives, individual experts or observers referred to in rules 52-58 shall be distributed by the secretariat to all delegations in the quantities and in the languages in which the statements are made available to the secretariat for distribution, provided that a statement submitted on behalf of a non-governmental organization shall be on a subject in which it has a special competence.

Chapter XII

AMENDMENT OR SUSPENSION OF THE RULES OF PROCEDURE

Method of amendment

Rule 59

These rules may be amended by a decision of the Congress taken by a two-thirds majority of the representatives present and voting upon a recommendation of the General Committee.

Method of suspension

Rule 60

Any of these rules may be suspended by a decision of the Congress, provided that 24 hours' notice of the proposal for the suspension has been given, which may be waived if no representative objects; subsidiary organs may by unanimous consent waive rules pertaining to them. Any suspension shall be limited to a specific and stated purpose and to the period required to achieve it.

Period review of rules

Rule 61

After the completion of each Congress, the Committee on Crime Prevention and Control shall make appropriate recommendations to the Economic and Social Council for such amendments to these rules as it may deem necessary.

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ORGANIZATIONAL MATTERS

Adoption of the agenda and organization of work

Note by the Secretariat

I. INTRODUCTION

1. In its resolution 1987/49 of 24 May 1987, the Economic and Social Council approved the provisional agenda for the Eighth United Nations Congress on the Prevention of Crime and the Treatment of Offenders, which was endorsed by the General Assembly in its resolution 42/59 of 30 November 1987. In its resolution 1990/23 of 24 May 1990, the Economic and Social Council approved the organization of work for the Eighth Congress, as proposed by the Secretary-General in his report to the Committee on Crime Prevention and Control at its eleventh session (E/AC.57/1990/5).

II. PRE-CONGRESS CONSULTATIONS

2. In paragraph 12 of its resolution 1989/69 of 24 May 1989, the Economic and Social Council decided that the Eighth Congress should be held from 27 August to 7 September 1990, with the necessary pre-Congress consultations. Those consultations will be held on Saturday, 25 August, and Sunday, 26 August 1990. The purpose of the consultations, which will be open to all participating States, is to reach agreement on recommendations to be made on all procedural and organizational matters to be dealt with by the Congress at the opening meeting, such as the

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election of officers and the composition of the General Committee, the distribution of posts in the General Committee among regional groups, the adoption of the rules of procedure, the adoption of the agenda and organization of work, the appointment of the members of the Credentials Committee and arrangements for the preparation of the report of the Congress.

III. ELECTION OF OFFICERS

3. Rule 6 of the provisional rules of procedure for the Congress (A/CONF.144/2), as approved by the Economic and Social Council in paragraph 14 of its resolution 1989/69, provides:

> "The Congress shall elect from among the representatives of participating States a President, 24 Vice-Presidents and a Rapporteur-General, as well as a Chairman for each of the committees provided for in rule 43. These 28 officers shall constitute the General Committee and shall be elected on the basis of ensuring its representative character."

4. Pursuant to the recommendations of the Committee on Crime Prevention and Control at its eleventh session and the practice followed by the Sixth and Seventh Congresses, it is understood that, in accordance with this formulation, 27 of the 28 officers constituting the General Committee would be distributed according to the following geographical pattern: 7 representatives from African States, 6 from Asian States, 3 from Eastern European States, 5 from Latin American and Caribbean States, and 6 from Western European and other States, and that, while the presidency would go to the head of the delegation of the host country in accordance with standard practice, it would not be counted for the purposes of the regional distribution pattern.

5. It is hoped that regional groups will be in a position to make known their nominations for the posts in the General Committee at the pre-Congress consultations. In this context it is relevant to recall that, under rule 41, all elections are to be held by secret ballot, unless the Congress decides otherwise in an election where the number of candidates does not exceed the number of elective places to be filled.

IV. ADOPTION OF THE RULES OF PROCEDURE

6. The Congress will have before it the provisional rules of procedure approved by the Economic and Social Council in its resolution 1989/69 (A/CONF.144/2).

V. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA AND ORGANIZATION OF WORK

A. Provisional agenda

7. The provisional agenda for the Eighth Congress is contained in document A/CONF.144/1.

B. Allocation of items

8. In its resolution 1990/23, the Economic and Social Council approved the recommendations of the Secretary-General regarding the organization of work of the Eighth Congress (see E/AC.57/1990/5). In accordance with those recommendations, items 1, 2, 3 and 8 of the provisional agenda will be considered in plenary meetings, while items 4 and 6 will be allocated to Committee I and items 5 and 7 to Committee II. The draft timetable for the work of the Congress is contained in the annex to the present note. It is understood that each committee will adjust its organization of work as required.

C. Organization of meetings

9. The resources available to the Congress permit the holding of a maximum of three simultaneous meetings in the morning and an equal number in the afternoon, including working groups, informal consultations and regional group meetings held in place of formal meetings.

10. In accordance with the provisions of rule 43 of the provisional rules of procedure, each committee may set up sub-committees and working groups, to the extent permitted by conference service facilities available at the Congress site.

11. Meetings shall normally be scheduled from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m. In order to ensure the most efficient utilization of available resources, it is recommended that all meetings start promptly at the scheduled times.

VI. CREDENTIALS OF REPRESENTATIVES TO THE CONGRESS: APPOINTMENT OF MEMBERS OF THE CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE

12. Rule 4 of the provisional rules of procedure provides that there shall be a Credentials Committee of nine members appointed by the Congress on the proposal of the President, and that its membership shall, as far as possible, be the same as that of the Credentials Committee of the General Assembly of the United Nations at its preceding session.

13. At the forty-fourth session of the General Assembly the Credentials Committee was composed of the following States: Antigua and Barbuda, Australia, China, Colombia, Malawi, Philippines, Union of Soviet Socialist Republics, United States of America and Zaire. In accordance with established practice, it is understood that if one of those States is not present, it would be replaced by another State from the same regional group.

VII. REPORT OF THE CONGRESS

14. In accordance with the practice followed by previous congresses, it is recommended that the report of the Congress should consist of the decisions of the Congress, a brief account of the events leading to the convening of the Congress and the proceedings, including a summary of the substantive work conducted by the plenary and by the committees, as well as a reportorial account of the action taken in plenary meeting.

15. As has also been the practice, it is recommended that each regional group should be requested to designate, before the opening of the Congress, two persons to serve as friends of the Rapporteur-General, as well as a similar number to serve in the same capacity in respect of the rapporteurs of each of the committees, to assist those officials in preparing the draft reports of the Congress.

VIII. OFFICERS OF THE COMMITTEES

16. Rule 44 of the provisional rules of procedure provides that, in addition to a Chairman elected by the Congress pursuant to rule 6, each committee shall itself elect a Vice-Chairman and a Rapporteur from among the representatives of participating States. The same rule also provides that sub-committees and working groups shall each elect a Chairman and no more than two Vice-Chairmen from among the representatives of participating States.

17. It is recommended that agreement should be reached on the slate of candidates for those posts before the opening of the Congress, thus allowing elections by acclamation and dispensing with the requirements of a secret ballot.

Annex

PROPOSED TIMETABLE OF THE WORK OF THE CONGRESS

Saturday, 25 August and Sunday, 26 August		Pre-Congress consultations
		Plenary
First week (27-31 August)		
Monday, 27 August		
10.30 a.m.		Item 1. Opening of the Congress
		Item 2. Organizational matters
		(a) Election of the President
		(b) Adoption of the rules of procedure
		(e) Election of officers other than the President
		(c) Adoption of the agenda
		(d) Organization of work
		(f) Credentials of representatives to the Congress:
		(i) Appointment of the members of the Credentials Committee
p.m.		Item 3. Crime prevention and criminal justice in the context of development: realities and perspectives of international co-operation (topic I) (Introduction and general debate)
Tuesday, 28 August		
a.m. and p.m.		Item 3 (Continuation of general debate)
	1 p.m.	Closure of the list of speakers on item 3
Wednesday, 29 August		
a.m. and p.m.		Item 3 (Continuation of general debate)

Thursday, 30 August

a.m. and p.m. — Item 3 (Continuation of general debate)

Friday, 31 August

a.m. and p.m. — Item 3 (Continuation of general debate)

Second week (3-7 September)

Monday, 3 September

a.m. and p.m. — Item 3. Crime prevention and criminal justice in the context of development: realities and perspectives of international co-operation (topic I) (Informal consultations)

6 p.m. — Deadline for submission of draft proposals under item 3

Tuesday, 4 September

a.m. and p.m. — Item 3 (Informal consultations)

Wednesday, 5 September

a.m. and p.m. — Item 3:

(a) Action on draft recommendations contained in chapter I, section D, of the report of the Committee on Crime Prevention and Contol on its eleventh session (E/1990/31)

(b) Consideration of the reports of Committee I and Committee II, as available

Thursday, 6 September

a.m. and p.m. — Item 3. Action on draft proposals

Consideration of the reports of Committee I and Committee II, as available

Friday, 7 September

a.m. and p.m. — Item 3. Action on all outstanding draft proposals

Consideration of reports of Committee I and Committee II

Item 8. Adoption of the report of the Eighth Congress

Committee I

First week (27-31 August)

Monday, 27 August

3 p.m.		Election of officers
		Organization of work
		Item 6. Prevention of delinquency, juvenile justice and the protection of young: policy approaches and directives (topic IV) (Introduction of item and general discussion)
	6 p.m.	Closure of the list of speakers on item 6

Tuesday, 28 August

10 a.m. and 3 p.m.		Item 6 (Continuation of general discussion)

Wednesday, 29 August

10 a.m. and 3 p.m.		Item 6 (Continuation of general discussion)

Thursday, 30 August

10 a.m.		Item 4. Criminal justice policies in relation to problems of imprisonment, other penal sanctions and alternative measures (topic II) (Introduction of item and general discussion)
3 p.m.		Item 4 (Continuation of general discussion)
	6 p.m.	Deadline for the submission of draft proposals under item 6
		Closure of the list of speakers on item 4

Friday, 31 August

10 a.m.		Item 4 (Continuation of general discussion)
3 p.m.		Research workshop on alternatives to imprisonment

Second week (3-7 September)

Monday, 3 September

10 a.m.	Demonstration workshop on computerization of the administration of criminal justice
3 p.m.	Item 4 (Conclusion of general discussion)
6 p.m.	Deadline for the submission of draft proposals under item 4

Tuesday, 4 September

10 a.m.	Consideration of and action on draft recommendations contained in chapter I, section D, of the report of the Committee on Crime Prevention and Control (E/1990/31) and on draft proposals submitted under item 6
3 p.m.	Informal consultations on draft proposals submitted under item 4

Wednesday, 5 September

a.m.	Informal consultations on draft proposals submitted under item 4
p.m.	Consideration of and action on draft recommendations contained in chapter I, section D, of the report of the Committee on Crime Prevention and Control (E/1990/31) and on draft proposals submitted under item 4

Thursday, 6 September

10 a.m.	Action on all outstanding matters
	Completion of the work of the Committee

Committee II

First week (27-31 August)

Monday, 27 August

3 p.m.		Election of officers
		Organization of work
		Item 5. Effective national and international action against: (a) Organized crime; (b) Terrorist criminal activities (topic III) (Introduction of item and general discussion)
	6 p.m.	Closure of the list of speakers on item 5

Tuesday, 28 August

10 a.m. and 3 p.m.		Item 5 (Continuation of general discussion)

Wednesday, 29 August

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Thursday, 30 August

10 a.m.		Item 5 (Conclusion of general discussion)
3 p.m.		Item 7. United Nations norms and guidelines in crime prevention and criminal justice; implementation and priorities for further standard-setting (topic V) (Introduction of item and general discussion)
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Friday, 31 August

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Second week (3-7 September)

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10. In accordance with the provisions of rule 43 of the provisional rules of procedure, each committee may set up sub-committees and working groups, to the extent permitted by conference service facilities available at the Congress site.

11. Meetings shall normally be scheduled from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m. In order to ensure the most efficient utilization of available resources, it is recommended that all meetings start promptly at the scheduled times.

VI. CREDENTIALS OF REPRESENTATIVES TO THE CONGRESS: APPOINTMENT OF MEMBERS OF THE CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE

12. Rule 4 of the provisional rules of procedure provides that there shall be a Credentials Committee of nine members appointed by the Congress on the proposal of the President, and that its membership shall, as far as possible, be the same as that of the Credentials Committee of the General Assembly of the United Nations at its preceding session.

13. At the forty-fourth session of the General Assembly the Credentials Committee was composed of the following States: Antigua and Barbuda, Australia, China, Colombia, Malawi, Philippines, Union of Soviet Socialist Republics, United States of America and Zaire. In accordance with established practice, it is understood that if one of those States is not present, it would be replaced by another State from the same regional group.

VII. REPORT OF THE CONGRESS

14. In accordance with the practice followed by previous congresses, it is recommended that the report of the Congress should consist of the decisions of the Congress, a brief account of the events leading to the convening of the Congress and the proceedings, including a summary of the substantive work conducted by the plenary and by the committees, as well as a reportorial account of the action taken in plenary meeting.

15. As has also been the practice, it is recommended that each regional group should be requested to designate, before the opening of the Congress, two persons to serve as friends of the Rapporteur-General, as well as a similar number to serve in the same capacity in respect of the rapporteurs of each of the committees, to assist those officials in preparing the draft reports of the Congress.

VIII. OFFICERS OF THE COMMITTEES

16. Rule 44 of the provisional rules of procedure provides that, in addition to a Chairman elected by the Congress pursuant to rule 6, each committee shall itself elect a Vice-Chairman and a Rapporteur from among the representatives of participating States. The same rule also provides that sub-committees and working groups shall each elect a Chairman and no more than two Vice-Chairmen from among the representatives of participating States.

17. It is recommended that agreement should be reached on the slate of candidates for those posts before the opening of the Congress, thus allowing elections by acclamation and dispensing with the requirements of a secret ballot.

Annex

PROPOSED TIMETABLE OF THE WORK OF THE CONGRESS

Saturday, 25 August and Sunday, 26 August		Pre-Congress consultations
		Plenary
First week (27-31 August)		
Monday, 27 August		
10.30 a.m.		Item 1. Opening of the Congress
		Item 2. Organizational matters
		(a) Election of the President
		(b) Adoption of the rules of procedure
		(e) Election of officers other than the President
		(c) Adoption of the agenda
		(d) Organization of work
		(f) Credentials of representatives to the Congress:
		(i) Appointment of the members of the Credentials Committee
3 p.m.		Item 3. Crime prevention and criminal justice in the context of development: realities and perspectives of international co-operation (topic I) (Introduction and general debate)
Tuesday, 28 August		
10 a.m. and 3 p.m.		Item 3 (Continuation of general debate)
	6 p.m.	Closure of the list of speakers on item 3
Wednesday, 29 August		
10 a.m. and 3 p.m.		Item 3 (Continuation of general debate)

Thursday, 30 August		
10 a.m. and 3 p.m.		Item 3 (Continuation of general debate)
Friday, 31 August		
10 a.m. and 3 p.m.		Item 3 (Continuation of general debate)
Second week (3-7 September)		
Monday, 3 September		
10 a.m. and 3 p.m.		Item 3. Crime prevention and criminal justice in the context of development: realities and perspectives of international co-operation (topic I) (Informal consultations)
	6 p.m.	Deadline for submission of draft proposals under item 3
Tuesday, 4 September		
10 a.m. and 3 p.m.		Item 3. Action on draft recommendations contained in chapter I, section C, of the report of the Committee on Crime Prevention and Control on its eleventh session (E/1990/31)
Wednesday, 5 September		
10 a.m. and 3 p.m.		Consideration of the reports of Committee I and Committee II, as available
Thursday, 6 September		
10 a.m. and 3 p.m.		Item 3. Action on draft proposals Consideration of the reports of Committee I and Committee II, as available
Friday, 7 September		
10 a.m. and 3 p.m.		Item 3. Action on all outstanding draft proposals Consideration of reports of Committee I and Committee II Item 8. Adoption of the report of the Eighth Congress

Committee I

First week (27-31 August)

Monday, 27 August

3 p.m. Election of officers

Organization of work

Item 6. Prevention of delinquency, juvenile justice and the protection of young: policy approaches and directives (topic IV) (Introduction of item and general discussion)

Tuesday, 28 August

10 a.m. and 3 p.m. Item 6 (Continuation and conclusion of general discussion)

1 p.m. Closure of the list of speakers on item 6

Wednesday, 29 August

10 a.m. and 3 p.m. Action on draft recommendations contained in chapter I, section C, of the report of the Committee on Crime Prevention and Control on its eleventh session (E/1990/31) which are related to item 6

Thursday, 30 August

10 a.m. Item 4. Criminal justice policies in relation to problems of imprisonment, other penal sanctions and alternative measures (topic II) (Introduction of item and general discussion)

3 p.m. Item 4 (Continuation of general discussion)

6 p.m. Deadline for the submission of draft proposals under item 6

Closure of the list of speakers on item 4

Friday, 31 August

10 a.m. and 3 p.m. Research workshop on alternatives to imprisonment

Second week (3-7 September)

Monday, 3 September

10 a.m. and 3 p.m.	Demonstration workshop on computerization of the administration of criminal justice

Tuesday, 4 September

10 a.m.	Item 4 (Conclusion of general discussion)
3 p.m.	Deadline for the submission of draft proposals under item 4
3 p.m.	Action on draft proposals submitted under item 6

Wednesday, 5 September

10 a.m.	Informal consultations on draft proposals submitted under item 4
3 p.m.	Action on draft recommendations contained in chapter I, section C, of the report of the Committee on Crime Prevention and Control (E/1990/31) and on draft proposals submitted under item 4

Thursday, 6 September

10 a.m.	Action on all outstanding matters
	Completion of the work of the Committee

Committee II

First week (27-31 August)

Monday, 27 August

3 p.m.	Election of officers
	Organization of work
	Item 5. Effective national and international action against: (a) Organized crime; (b) Terrorist criminal activities (topic III) (Introduction of item and general discussion)

Tuesday, 28 August

10 a.m. and 3 p.m. — Item 5 (Continuation of general discussion)

1 p.m. — Closure of the list of speakers on item 5

Wednesday, 29 August

10 a.m. — Item 5 (Continuation of general discussion)

3 p.m. — Item 5 (Conclusion of general discussion)

Action on draft recommendations contained in chapter I, section C, of the report of the Committee on Crime Prevention and Control on its eleventh session (E/1990/31), which are related to item 5

Thursday, 30 August

10 a.m. and 3 p.m. — Item 7. United Nations norms and guidelines in crime prevention and criminal justice; implementation and priorities for further standard-setting (topic V) (Introduction of item and general discussion)

6 p.m. — Closure of the list of speakers on item 7

Deadline for the submission of draft proposals under item 5

Friday, 31 August

10 a.m. and 3 p.m. — Item 7 (Continuation of general discussion)

Second week (3-7 September)

Monday, 3 September

10 a.m. and 3 p.m. — Item 7 (Continuation and conclusion of general discussion)

6 p.m. — Deadline for the submission of draft proposals under item 7

Tuesday, 4 September		
10 a.m.		Informal consultations on draft proposals submitted under item 5
3 p.m.	(a)	Consideration of and action on draft proposals submitted under item 5
	(b)	Action on draft recommendations contained in chapter I, section C, of the report of the Committee on Crime Prevention and Control on its eleventh session (E/1990/31) which are related to item 7
Wednesday, 5 September		
10 a.m.		Informal consultations on draft proposals submitted under item 7
3 p.m.		Consideration of and action on draft proposals submitted under item 7
Thursday, 6 September		
10 a.m.		Action on all outstanding matters
		Completion of the work of the Committee